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Dinner Honors Baum's Efforts

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Carbondale — A testimonial dinner in honor of David Baum was conducted July 15 at the Hotel Chellino.

Joseph Pascoe welcomed the dinner guests, some of whom traveled from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York to attend this dinner, sponsored by the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall Inc. Unknown to Baum, his parents, Ray and Barbara Baum, from Pittsburgh, were among the assembled guests when Baum arrived for the dinner. Mary Lou Dearie gave the invocation at the beginning of the turkey dinner, prepared and served by John and Marge Spedding and their daughter, Laura.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Pascoe introduced the toastmaster, S. Robert Powell, president of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall. In his address to the group, Powell outlined the many ways in which Baum has generously given of his time and talents in the past 18 months, not only to the Committee, but also to the city of Carbondale. Powell also outlined the objectives and accomplishments of the committee which was formed in November of 1981, and highlighted the organization's plans for the near future.

Following Powell's address, Baum thanked the committee for the honor they had bestowed on him by sponsoring a testimonial dinner in his honor, and expressed his genuine interest in and commitment to the historical preservation movement in the city of Carbondale and its surrounding areas.

Powell then presented Baum with a bound commemorative volume entitled, "Proceedings of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, July 1981 — July 1982." All of the dinner guests then signed this two-part volume, which was produced, as a public service by Sheffield Publications Inc., Carbondale.

The dinner guests were: Baum and his parents, Earl Bishop, Teresa Bomba, John V. Buberniak, Jean Colville, Ms. Dearie, Dominick Famularo, Steve Gallinot, Donna Gumble, George Hyduchak, Mrs. Paul Kelly, Nan Loftus, Fran Mancuso, Mayor Fred Mancuso, Mary Monahan, Charlotte Moro, Joseph Moro, Mrs. Frank Mulholland, Ann Marie Novobilski, Jerome Novobilski, Jerry Palko, Joseph Pascoe, Powell and Donald W. Powell, John J. Revak, Kay Shifler, Oliver Shifler, Barry and Mary Siebold, Bert Silvestri, Mr. and Mrs. Spedding and daughter, Mrs. Charles Speicher and George Wallis Jr.

At the conclusion of the evening's program, Ms. Shifler gave the benediction. Because of the public reception of the testimonial dinner, the committee has decided to sponsor an annual dinner that will not only celebrate the organization's accomplishments during the year, but also honor an individual who has played an important role in the historical preservation movement in Carbondale during the year. Next year's dinner will be conducted on the third Thursday in July.

The next meeting of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in city hall.